

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**GERARDO ARANDA, GRANT BIRCHEMEIER,  
STEPHEN PARKES, and REGINA STONE,  
individually and on behalf  
of all others similarly situated,**

**Plaintiffs,**

**v.**

**CARIBBEAN CRUISE LINE, INC., ECONOMIC  
STRATEGY GROUP, ECONOMIC STRATEGY  
GROUP, INC., ECONOMIC STRATEGY, LLC,  
THE BERKLEY GROUP, INC. and VACATION  
OWNERSHIP MARKETING TOURS, INC.,**

**Defendants**

**NO. 1:12-CV-04069**

**Honorable Matthew F. Kennelly**

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**RESPONSE TO PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR APPEAL BOND**

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Freedom Home Care, Inc., respectfully submits this Response to Plaintiffs' Motion for Appeal Bond.

Freedom Home Care obviously disagrees with class counsels' position that the appeal is unlikely to succeed or that bond is necessary for appeal. Nor does it believe class counsels' improper *ad hominem* attacks, their go-to argument in defending excessive fees, should be given any weight. Nevertheless, in the interest of judicial economy, Freedom Home Care submits that to the extent this Court determines that a bond is appropriate, \$5,000 is not an inappropriate amount in this case. Thus, to the extent this Court orders the posting of a bond, Freedom Home Care does not oppose the amount of \$5,000, and will post a bond in that amount.

Dated: May 22, 2017

Respectfully submitted,

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DATED: May 22, 2017

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